

Transitional Youth Service Supports

These services are not necessarily indicative of a particular funding source or program. Services are listed here as a reference only as possibilities for a youth's Transitional Plan. These services are not appropriate for all youth in care, but as youth plans progress in areas of housing, education, employment, health, life connections and other areas, this may serve as a prompt or reminder of possible resources. All youth in care by age 16 are required to have Transitional Services reported on the Client Contact Screen delivered by their Primary or Secondary Family Service Worker. Part of effective Case Planning is working with family members on future goals.

Education / Training

Service/Support	Eligibility	Verification Required
Testing fees (SAT, ACT, Compass, GED, etc.)	In Care, Adopted after 16	Documentation of test center and fee.
ACT, SAT, Compass or GED Prep Book or Course	In Care, Adopted after 16	Limit of \$50. Practice tests are available on line for free, school districts often offer prep classes on weekends
AP High School Test Fees	In Care, Adopted after 16	Student has earned C's or better in regular Advanced Placement classes during the semester
Application(s) to post-secondary school fee	In Care, Adopted after 16	Documentation of school, program, and cost. Up to 3 colleges/universities may be selected by youth for application if educational requirements for institution are met. Note: Application at out of state school is permitted. Youth must demonstrate maturity and have the capacity to succeed. Youth's plan will need to address any additional funding requirements above an annual educational \$5000 limit. Scholarships, savings from employment, dedicated trust fund balance, family or community assistance are examples of meeting the additional need. Plan for out of state attendance requires Director's (or designee) approval. Plan includes travel money for youth to return to AR at regular intervals and arrangements for routine contacts. Plan also includes support arranged for youth thru the educational facility or state agency. Not ICPC
ETV (Educational and Training Voucher) program Up to \$5000 per year. PELL grant applied first PELL application (FAFSA) required	Youth must meet one of the following conditions and be applying for education or training in a school that accepts PELL. PELL awards are made before ETV and application to PELL (FAFSA) is required before requests for ETV are processed. 1. U.S.citizen or qualified non-citizen 2. Young adults must meet one of the following 3 conditions: ○ Foster alumni who were in care at age 18 and left care after that time ○ Current extended care	ETV must be applied for by the youth at the ETV website https://www.statevoucher.org/ Education and Training programs eligible for funding must be certified as PELL eligible institutions//facilities FAFSA help http://www.fafsa.com/understanding-fafsa/free-fafsa-assistance

	<p>youth who have completed secondary education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adopted (legalized date) after age 16 from foster care in Arkansas <p>3. Personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) are worth less than \$10,000,</p> <p>4. Age 18 but younger than 21 to apply for the first time. Youth younger than 18 may be considered for post-secondary education or training if secondary educational requirements have been completed.</p> <p>5. Accepted into or be enrolled in a degree, certificate or other accredited program at a college, university, technical, vocational school.</p> <p>To remain eligible for ETV funding, he or she must demonstrate progress toward a degree or certificate. Reapplications for ETV funds are required/accepted, if youth has a current grant, up to the age of 23.</p>	
TRIO programs – 6 Different Federal programs designed to assist target populations. Foster youth and former foster youth are a target service populations.	Homeless youth, youth in foster care, and youth who left foster care after reaching age 13.	<p>The “TRIO” programs, administered by the Department of Education, include six federal outreach and student services programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs. The Department of Education must, as appropriate, require each college or university offering the TRIO program to identify and make available services under the program, including mentoring, tutoring, and other services a given TRIO program supports, The website http://www.aspsf.org/students_trioprograms.html may have most of the educational programs participating with this Federal program, but contact should be made with any university / college when our youth are enrolled. Student Support Services , Educational Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Center are 3 of the 6 programs likely to be of use to your youth and increase the likelihood of college retention.</p>

Tutoring	In Care – Out of Care thru TRIO	Explore tutoring services available through the schools the youth attends, TRIO programs (see above) in post-secondary educational programs, faith-based communities or local community centers (i.e. YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Workforce Development, etc.) prior to making this referral. Provide name of vendor, length of time services are requested, report card and any associated tests. Document outcome in youth's Life Plan and Case Plan. Students with IEP should receive tutoring if part of their educational plan.
Summer School – secondary or post-secondary	In Care	Provide cost estimate. Investigate with youth's guidance counselor (secondary) if youth is eligible for a fee waiver prior to making request.
Graduation Package /High School	In Care	County/Area referral - senior pictures, graduation announcements/invitations, "School Spirit" packages, class ring, etc. Provide proof of graduation (letter from school's guidance office) and costs.
Year Books	In Care	County/Area - Provide documentation of cost.
Membership/activity fees for extracurricular or leadership activities	In Care -high school or college	Documentation of cost and verification that activity is related to educational program and youth's Life Plan. Limit \$100 without prior Director (or designee) approval
School supplies, class equipment; specified graphing calculator	In Care	Document the requirement and relation to Life Plan. Includes class specified Calculators required, special enrollment fees, etc
Computer Laptop	In Care – high school or college	Academic requirement. Good student, responsible behavior, related to Transitional Plan goal

Housing

Name	Eligibility	Verification Required
Housing Application fees	In Care – ages 18-21	Documentation of payment
Housing Start-Up Costs (Youth start up is limited to \$1000 with in care and After care combined.) In care Housing start up is not a requirement for each youth and depends on their plan and living arrangement.	In Care – ages 18-21 Out of Care if turned 18 In Care not yet 21. Adopted 16 or after – if prior to 18 involvement with Basic Skills Classes and Casey Assessment In order to access Housing start up must be active in working toward independence. – Involvement thru employment, pre-employment programs, education, training, etc must be an active component of housing start up participation.	Provide documentation of youth's budget and items requested. In Care – \$300 dorm, \$500 Apartment.
After Care Housing / Start up	Out of Care if turned 18 in Care Requested anytime before age 21 In order to access Housing	After Care funds are available assist you in purchasing the household items and services needed to establish a home or to further independence. Youth request for After Care funds must be in process before the youth's 21 st birthday. Requests for funding must be consistent with establishing a home or in

	start up must be active in working toward independence. – Involvement thru employment, pre-employment programs, education, training, etc must be an active component of housing start up participation	<p>furthering a youth's independence as they work .</p> <p>Provide documentation of application/budget/plan completed within 90 days prior to leaving care if After Care start up is needed at the time of exit and is not being delayed.</p> <p>After Care funding guideline – \$500 furnished apt, \$800 unfurnished apartment</p> <p>Aftercare – up to \$2000 available for transitional plan support - combination of housing costs/board/start-up included in Transition Plan. \$500 monthly limit on housing, \$500 one time limit on transportation/automotive category costs.</p> <p>Eligible expenses: rent deposits, rent payment, utility deposits and hook-up fees, household appliances, personal care items, computer, transportation expenses, driver's education and licenses, automotive repair, auto insurance, GED or other educational fees or costs not covered by ETV/Chafee and work apparel.</p> <p>Non-eligible expenses: traffic tickets, bail, court –assessed payment or restitution, firearms, weapons, entertainment, tobacco, drugs or alcohol.</p> <p>Transitional Coordinators will assist the youth in applications for this funding.</p>
Housing Deposit	In Care	Documentation of deposit fee and housing information. Youth's residents checklist for housing completed. Youth in care / SGR but may be requested as Transitional if part of youth's plan
Monthly Board Payment (Sponsor)	In Care	Documentation of enrollment and participation in school/training/treatment/employment program or in programs and activities to prepare for educational or employment. Life Plan and Transitional Planning and Transitional Team work must reflect progress in Transitional Plan and youth's active involvement with their plan. Payments will be made to young adult's sponsor. Young adult's budget and progress reports for Youth's plan documented with Transitional Team.

Job Training or Employment

Name	Eligibility	Verification Required with Referral
Materials/Uniforms for vocational studies	In Care	Provide verification of needed services and associated cost. Provide verification of program enrollment.
Certification Fees/ Exams	In Care, Adopted after 16	Document cost. Limit under \$100 unless PELL eligible program
Job readiness program/ training	In Care	Documentation of cost and references for program Public or Not for Profit only.. Provide verification of job readiness training completion. One time only.
Job start-up costs	In Care	Provide verification of needed services and associated cost to move toward meaningful employment. Transitional Plan
Tools/Equipment	In Care	For the cost of tools/equipment not covered by financial aid, ETV, or other scholarship. Provide documentation of program, cost, and admission. Provide Life Transitional Plan. Estimates from 3 vendors required if quotes require no additional cost.

Transportation

Name	Eligibility	Verification Required with Referral
Driver's Education Class Fees	In Care	Seek services through high school programs prior to submitting the referral. Provide verification of needed service and associated cost. One time only.
Driver's Testing Fees	In Care	Provide documentation of test center and fee.
Car insurance	In Care	See Policy
Transportation Grant	In Care	Youth are not eligible if residing on campus for school related grants – would then be work related transportation grant. If youth owns a vehicle, must provide proof of ownership/insurance. If youth car-pools, must provide proof of insurance on the vehicle youth will be transported in. If youth is utilizing car transportation services, request the amount of that service for the month not to exceed \$60.00/mo. If bus pass, then request the amount of the monthly bus pass.
After Care	Turned 18 in Care – Less than 21 years old	Transportation category costs of up to \$500 may be used if After Care funding - \$2000 is available. Items could be tires, repairs, insurance, etc necessary for the youth to work or attend school. Traffic fines/tickets are not eligible.
Bike	In Care	Life Plan / education or employment
Car Repairs	In Care	Provide proof of ownership (title) and/or registration (must be in young adult's name), and proof of car insurance. Budget required. Estimates from 3 vendors required if quotes require no additional cost. \$500 limit – one time only with justification and with past progress demonstrated in Transitional Plan. Justification from youth – how it is necessary for either work or educational participation.

Special Requests

Name	Eligibility	Verification Required with Referral
Other special needs – unique to youth's plan and transitional needs	In Care	Needed to help prepare youth for self-sufficiency and meet a well-being related goal. Transitional Plan submitted and justification
Life Skills Training Classes refreshments or supplies Stipend/Incentive (may be available for targeted classes/group) Prior approval required	In Care, Adopted after 16, ICPC age appropriate	Provide proof of completion of class. Documented attendance
Youth Development or Leadership Program/ Conference	In Care - participating in youth leadership activities	Internships, conference costs, etc to develop youth's confidence, skills, or other interests consistent with Life Plan. Application/letter from youth with Team members co-sign. Seek sponsors. Promotes normalization for youth in school activities. Limit \$100 plus travel without prior approval from Director (or designee)
Child care assistance	In Care	Please assist the young adult with applying for services via DCECD prior to submitting a fiscal referral. To provide childcare assistance in order to help the parent maintain self-sufficiency and stability, progress in the applicable educational program and to prevent the child from entering state custody. Please include whether services from DHS are pending or were

		denied.
Mentor/ Life Coach (Therapeutic or Intensive)	In Care	Transitional Plan / Life Plan with Team recommendation. Document projected cost with Client Specific Purchase Order
IFS	In Care	Referral to Contract Provider, approval for Encumbrance in CFM in contract, Supervisors approval
Drug Treatment	In Care	Referral to Contract Provider, approval for Encumbrance in CFM in contract, Supervisors approval
Counseling	In Care	Referral to Contract Provider, approval for Encumbrance in CFM in contract, Supervisors approval
Life Skills Training Classes refreshments or supplies Stipend/Incentive (may be available for targeted classes/group) Prior approval required. Examples could include classes for Teen mom, teen parents, pregnancy prevention, drug abuse prevention, etc	In Care, After Care to 21 if turned 18 in Care; Adopted after 16	Provide proof of completion of class. Documented attendance